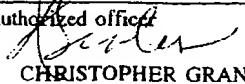


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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT
(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 5262.01	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(7): H04N 7/173 and US Cl.: 725/131		
Applicant DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS INC.		

<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u>0</u> sheets.</p> <p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

pages _____ 1-74 , as originally filed

pages _____ NONE , filed with the demand

pages _____ NONE , filed with the letter of _____

 the claims:

pages _____ 75-86 , as originally filed

pages _____ NONE , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages _____ NONE , filed with the demand

pages _____ NONE , filed with the letter of _____

 the drawings:

pages _____ 1-43 , as originally filed

pages _____ NONE , filed with the demand

pages _____ NONE , filed with the letter of _____

 the sequence listing part of the description:

pages _____ NONE , as originally filed

pages _____ NONE , filed with the demand

pages _____ NONE , filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

 the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in printed form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ NONE the claims, Nos. _____ NONE the drawings, sheets/fig _____ NONE5. This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

**Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-93</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-93</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-93</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-93 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest an interactive electronic book system comprising a text and graphics file, a control file coupled to the text and graphics file and an interactive file coupled to the text and graphics file or a system for providing electronic books comprising an operations center, a data combiner that combines text, graphic and electronic links, a digital compression unit, transmitter and corresponding receiver system as recited in the claims.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

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VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

Application No. Patent No.	Publication Date (day/month/year)	Filing Date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
US, A, 6,034,680	07 MARCH 2000	30 APRIL 1997	NONE
US, A, 6,052,717	18 APRIL 2000	23 OCTOBER 1996	NONE

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)